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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

Mr. Helms Address at the National War College

STATINTL

FROM:

Guest Speaker Coordinator  
1036, C. of C. Bldg.

EXTENSION

NO.

DATE

18 October 1972

STATINTL

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

OFFICER'S INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

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FORWARDED

1. Deputy Director of Training

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Attached is [redacted] comments. He stated that after the session he had a conversation with Mr. Coffey and told him that he was going to give me some feedback. [redacted] will put his comments in writing and deliver them to me tomorrow at 1700, C of C.

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I think DAS should pass what he feels will be helpful - maybe nothing else.

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██████████ called early this afternoon with the following comments on Mr. Helms address and Mr. Colby's and the four Deputies presentation at The National War College on 17 October. There were no classes in the afternoon following their presentations and, therefore, ██████████ was unable to get any student reaction until this morning. STATINTL

Concerning Mr. Helms speech:

"1. There was a certain disappointment. The DCI's prepared remarks were read and it was quite obvious that he was reading. Much of the material was a duplication of what had been covered in the assigned readings. Whoever had prepared the speech had not read the background information. The discussion of his new functions in the Intelligence Community was new to the group but most of the speech was warmed-over material. The students felt that he was "talking down" to them -- turned them off -- no spark or incentive to ask penetrating questions.

"2. His performance during the question-and-answer period was much better. Students were very complimentary toward the way he handled the informal question and answers. There was, however, a lack of challenging questions. Students held back in asking questions. NWC had limited the classification to SECRET and the students did not ask questions because they thought it would lead to other types of classified material. Never really got out of the cellar."

Concerning Mr. Colby and the four Deputies:

"3. Mr. Helms' speech set a subdued tone for the second session. Mr. Colby seemed to duplicate to a degree what the DCI had said and also what was in the reading assignments.

"4. There were compliments on the knowledgeability of the four Deputy Directors'. Also compliments about their ability to cope with questions they were asked. Students very impressed that we had sent our first team and the feelings was that the first team was strong. Positive comments about them.

"5. Again a lack of challenging questions. Students sensed a feeling of holding back on the part of the speakers."

In Summary: "Not a disaster. It was cut and dry. Did not accomplish what it could have. Over all disappointment. The Agency lost the opportunity to gain new friends."